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On 10th page, 13th line from top, immediately following the name Rev. Henry Heigerd, insert "*Third Session, Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.*"

Fifteenth line from top of same page, following the word "business," read, "*Committee No. 4 reported.*"

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Another Synodical year has closed with its toils and cares. Kindly guided, and mercifully protected by our heavenly Father's hand, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, and adjacent States, met in the town of Grasshopper Falls, Kansas, on Wednesday evening, September 27th, 1871.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. J. Hesson, from 1 Cor., 16:2.

FIRST SESSION—THURSDAY, SEP. 28TH, 1871.

After spending a half hour in prayer, Synod was opened with singing and prayer by the President. The roll of the clerical members was called, and the absentees noted.

The Lay delegates were then received upon the presentation of their credentials, and constituted members of this Synod.

The following is a list of the clerical members composing this Synod at its present session, with their post-offices and names of their Lay delegates:

No. of Clergymen.	*Post-offices.*	*Names of Lay Delegates.*
1. Rev. Chas. Martin,	St. Joseph, Mo.	No Delegate.
2. " Thos. W. Sargent, A.	Emporia, Kas	"
3. " J. G. Ellinger, A.	Ottawa, Kas.	"
4. " David Earhart,	Pardee, Kas.	Mr. C. O. Turkeeson.
5. " David Harbaugh,	Waterville, Kas.	No Delegate.
6. " J. B. McAfee,	Topeka, Kas.	"
7. " F. R. Scherer, A.	Waterville, Kas.	"
8. " S. P. Harrington,	Abilene, Kas.	Mr. J. M. Shepherd.
9. " Levi Micksecker, A. H. D.	Ottawa, Kas.	Dis. to the Moravian Church.
10. " Henry Heigerd,	Effingham, Kas.	No Delegate.
11. " Wm. H. Steck,	Kansas City, Mo.	Mr. J. H. Schell.
12. " A. J. Hesson,	Topeka, Kas	Mr. Andrew Pearson.
13. " A. W. Wagenhals, A.	Atchison, Kas.	No Delegate.
14. " E. J. Keplinger,	Grasshopper Falls, Kas	"
15. " H. B. Belmer,	Lawrence, Kas.	Mr. Levi Shirar.
16. " J. B. Corbett, A.	Bunkerhill, Kas.	No Delegate.
17. " V. G. Haag, A.	Girard, Kas.	"
18. " C. J. Sheleen,	Topeka, Kas.	"
19. " D. S. Altman, A. R.	Ottawa, Kas.	"
20. " C. J. Lindohl, A. R.	Brantford, Kas.	"

Licentiate.

21. Rev. Chas. Hawkinson..Randolph.....No Delegate.....
22. Grasshopper Falls Charge.....Mr. G. W. Crotzer.....
23. Monrovia Charge.....Mr. Peter Brown.....
NOTE —A. denotes absent, H. D., Honorably dismissed, R., received this session.

The President's report was then read.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES:—In the good Providence of God we are assembled in our fourth annual convention. Our lives have been precious in the sight of the Lord. The Great Head of the church has, in some measure, blessed and owned our labors. Nothing extraordinary has occurred within the bounds of our Synod, but many changes have taken place, all of which we pray may tend to promote the cause of Christ. We have many reasons to render devout thanks and prayers unto God for His great goodness to us as individuals, and as a Synod.

The following is a brief report of the changes that have occurred in our Synod, and of my official acts during the year. Doubtless, the greater number of the members of this Synod is informed that the ministerial brethren in Nebraska and Northwestern Missouri, have formed a new Synod called the Synod of Nebraska, to be in connection with the General Synod. Two of our members, who are located within the bounds of the new Synod, have requested to be dismissed to unite with that body. Whilst we regret to lose those brethren, we rejoice to learn of the formation of another Synod on the frontier. I would recommend that at the proper time a delegate be chosen by this body to bear our greetings to our Sister Synod.

Soon after the adjournment of our Synod at Lawrence, I visited Waterville, Kan., when Rev. F. R. Scherer *informed* me that he would tender his resignation to the church there. A short time after this, Rev. D. Harbaugh informed me that he was elected to be the successor of Rev. F. R. Scherer, and that he had accepted the call.

In the month of November, Rev. M. G. Boyer informed me that he had resigned his charge at Monrovia, and that he purposed removing to the east. He asked for a letter of dismission to unite with Alleghany Synod, which was granted.

In the early part of the winter I incidentally learned that Rev. J. B. Corbett had resigned the mission at St. Louis.

In the month of January, 1871, Rev. W. E. Crebs informed me that he had resigned the church at Abilene, and that he had accepted a call from the east to serve the charge where he had formerly labored.

In the month of August, 1871, Rev. S. P. Harrington informed me that he had resigned his charge at Grasshopper Falls, and that he had accepted a call to Abilene.

On the 14th of August, 1871, I received a letter from Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, and about the same time, a letter from Rev. A. G. R. Buetow, a Licentiate, both asking to be dismissed to

unite with the Nebraska Synod. Certificates of honorable dismission were granted to both of them.

On the 31st of August, 1871, Rev. A. J. Hesson, of Topeka, offered his resignation, which was accepted by the mission.

At this time, the churches in the bounds of our Synod that are without pastors, are St. Louis, Topeka, Grasshopper Falls, and Monrovia.

It had been made the duty of the President to write to the ministerial brethren in Nebraska and Missouri with regard to uniting with our Synod. This was attended to, but there was no response from any of them.

In the printed minutes of our last convention, page 16, stands a resolution, making it the duty of the President to act as *Mediator* between Rev. D. S. Altman and the Iowa Synod. I had some correspondence with Rev. A. M. Geiger, President of the Iowa Synod, and finally received a certificate of honorable dismission for Rev. D. S. Altman.

In February, 1871, I received a letter from Mr. C. F. W. Treptow, of Lawrence, who was expelled from this body at its last convention. He demanded that I should call an extra session of Synod to give him a new hearing, threatening, if I did not comply, he would carry his case up to the civil courts. I replied to him that if he would get one-third of the ordained ministers of the Synod to request a called meeting, I would comply with their request. I heard no more from him.

The correspondence that was carried on during the year was unusually large, but the above report includes all that can be of any interest to this body.

Praying that the good Lord may be with us in our convention, and that he will bless our deliberations to the promotion of his cause.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Hesson.

The report was, on motion, laid on the table for future action.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

An election of officers of the Synod (for the ensuing year) was then held. Rev. Wm. Steck and Mr. Andrew Pearson were appointed tellers.

The election resulted in the choice of Rev. D. Harbaugh as President, Rev. S. P. Harrington as Secretary, Rev. D. Earhart as Treasurer.

The newly elected President was then conducted to the chair by Rev. C. Martin, M. D., and after making a brief but appropriate address, entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Rev. Geo. A. Exline, of the Olive-branch Synod, was then introduced and received as an advisory member of Synod.

On motion of Rev. C. Martin, M. D., the reading of the minutes of the last convention of Synod was dispensed with, which, together with the papers and letters intended for the action of Synod, were referred to their respective committees.

Synod adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. D. Earhart.

SECOND SESSION—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. C. Martin, M. D., after which the President appointed the following committees:

Committee No. 1.—On President's Report.—Rev. H. B. Belmer, Rev. Wm. H. Steck, Mr. G. W. Crotzer.

Committee No. 2.—Papers for Ministerium.—Rev. D. Earhart, Rev. C. Martin, Mr. P. Brown.

Committee No. 3.—Rev. Wm. H. Steck, Rev. H. B. Belmer, Mr. Levi Shirar.

Committee No. 4.—Rev. D. Earhart, Rev. C. Martin, Mr. Levi Shirar.

Committee No. 5.—On Proceedings.—Rev. C. Martin, Rev. E. J. Keplinger, Mr. C. O. Turkeeson.

Committee No. 6.—Rev. A. J. Hesson, Mr. G. W. Crotzer, Mr. A. Pierson.

Committee No. 7.—Rev. C. Martin, Rev. S. P. Harrington, Mr. P. Brown.

Committee No. 8.—Rev. Wm. H. Steck, Mr. A. Pierson, Mr. Peter Brown.

Committee No. 9.—Rev. A. J. Hesson, Rev. C. J. Sheleen, Rev. H. B. Belmer.

COMMITTEE NO. 1 REPORTED.

Your Committee on the President's Report, find that it sets forth his official acts during the interim, and the following items requiring further action.

1. The recommendation to send a delegate to the newly formed Synod of Nebraska, in which the committee concur.

2. Several charges are reported vacant. A provision of our constitution requires a charge to settle financially with the retiring pastor before they may engage another.

The vacant charges, viz: Topeka, Grasshopper Falls, Monrovia, and St. Louis should be asked if they have complied with said requirement.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. BELMER,
WM. H. STECK,
G. W. CROTZER.

The report was considered item by item. Item 1st was considered, and a delegate was (at the proper time to be) duly elected. Item 2d was also considered, and the delegates of vacant charges were called upon and responded satisfactorily to the Synod with regard to the requirement.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

COMMITTEE NO. 2 REPORTED,

That the items committed to them, properly belong to the ministerium.

The report was referred to the ministerium.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod was then read.

REPORT OF DELEGATION TO GENERAL SYNOD.

BRETHREN:—Your delegates to the General Synod would report that they found it a pleasure to discharge their duty and trust. We were pleased to receive the kindly greetings of eastern brethren, and to know their tender sympathy and hearty co-operation with us. Especially grateful were the hearty sympathy and God-speed from the official representatives of the Home Missionary Operations, with whom most of us have been in connection in the beginning and prosecution of our work.

1. In the proceedings of Synod, the Home Mission work received due share of attention, and the operations of the church for the past two years were set forth in a report at once clear and satisfactory in every respect, save the amount of funds furnished by the church for this work.

2d. Another matter of intense interest to us was the discussion of plans for systematic benevolence. We were glad to see that while some seemed to want only a declaration of high-sounding, general principles, the Synod wisely got at the root of the practical part by endorsing the long neglected Scriptural plan of weekly contributions. Your delegates would earnestly ask Synod to consider this matter.

3d. Of the Foreign Mission Work, which is generally pushed in proportion to the zeal and piety of the church, we are sorry to be unable to give a glowing account. The report of the Board shows that not one-fourth has been done of what might reasonably be expected of 100,000 well-to-do christians. Men and money are the most difficult things to get for this work. We would recommend that the Foreign Mission Work be not forgotten by our people either in prayers or contributions.

4th. Your delegation pledge $25 to pay arrearages on the German paper, and ask Synod to redeem the pledge.

5th. The General Synod also recommended raising $100,000 as a permanent fund for the business of the Publishing Society, on the plan of $1 to each of the 100,000 members of the General Synod, and the attention of the pastors of this Synod is called to the resolution.

In conclusion, we would say that while we are painfully conscious of the lack of millenial perfection and activity reigning in the church, we yet find some hopeful signs which we would fain accept as tokens of a better time coming.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HESSON.
H. B. BELMER,
S. P. HARRINGTON.

This report was adopted as read, item by item.

COMMITTEE NO. 7 REPORTED

That the papers referred to the committee are,

1st. A letter from Bro. D. S. Altman, of Ottawa, containing his excuse for non-attendance at the meeting of Synod. He gives protracted illness of himself and family as an excuse. We recommend that Bro. Altman be excused, and express our sympathy with him in his affliction.

2d. Is a certificate of honorable dismission of Rev. D. S. Altman from the Iowa English Lutheran Synod, and would recommend that his name be now added to our clerical roll, in accordance with the resolution passed by this Synod at its meeting held in Kansas City, Mo., in 1869.

3d. Is an application for a ministerial supply at Yontzville, Miami Co., Kansas, and contains $1 as a contribution to our Synodical fund. We recommend that Rev. D. S. Altman be requested to supply the wants of that people, as far as his engagements will allow.

4th. Is a letter from Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, of Rockport, Mo., late Treasurer of this Synod. It contains $3, his contribution of last year to the Home Mission fund.

He asks this Synod to refund to him the sum of $10, which the Editor of the "*Kirchen Freund*" charged him for printing extra copies of the report, in German, of the proceedings of this Synod last year.

The committee would recommend that the amount be refunded to him.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. MARTIN,
S. P. HARRINGTON,
PETER BROWN.

The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE NO. 3 REPORTED.

The papers put into the hands of your committee are a letter and circular on the subject of systematic benevolence.

The circular is a report on the subject of benevolence, by Geo. P. Ockershausen, and Rev. G. U. Wenner, who recommend the "Mite Chest," or "Family Mission Box," as in every way the most feasible system. The letter, which is from one of the above committee, calls the attention of our Synod to the action of the General Synod on this subject, and earnestly recommends the system known as the "*Lord's Treasury.*"

Believing this plan to be efficient and Scriptural, Therefore,

Resolved, That in accordance with the instruction of the General Synod, we recommend the immediate adoption of this plan by all the congregations and families of our Synod.

W. H. STECK,
H. B. BELMER,
LEVI SHIRAR.

COMMITTEE NO. 5 REPORTED.

The committee to whom was referred a copy of the proceedings of this Synod, held in Lawrence, October, 1870, would report:

We find the following items deserving of our attention:

On page 10, Rev. C. Martin was requested, by resolution, to preach at Oregon, Holt Co., Mo., as often as possible. Has he attended to this recommendation? Answer: No.

Bros. Earhart, Harrington, Boyer and Wagenhals, were directed to attend to the interests of our church at Muscotah, Kansas. Have these brethren attended to that point? Answer: In part.

Bro. Keplinger was requested to supply Osawkee during the year. Has he done it? No. The conditions were not complied with.

Page 16. Has the church at Tipton been supplied? It was not.

Page 19. Bro. Sargent was appointed delegate to the English Synod of Iowa. Bro. Harbaugh was appointed delegate to the Synod of Northern Illinois. Bro. Steck was appointed delegate to the Synod of Southern Illinois. Bro. McAffee was appointed delegate to the Synod of Central Illinois. Have these brethren attended to their respective duties?

Bros. Harbaugh and Steck wrote letters of fraternal greeting, which were answered in letters of congratulation and greeting.

Page 21. Three hundred copies of parochial reports were ordered to be printed. Was this done? It was.

The President was requested to secure an act of incorporation for this Synod. Has this been done? It has not.

The Secretary was ordered to procure certificates of Licensure and Ordination. Has he done so? He has.

On page 22, Revs. Martin, Harrington and Harbaugh, were instructed to procure a seal for Synod. Have they done so? They have.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. MARTIN,
C. O. TURKEESON.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE NO. 6 REPORTED.

The papers placed in the hands of your committee, are,

1st. A certificate of honorable dismission to Rev. J. Lindohl, an ordained minister of the gospel, in good standing in the Synod of Northern Illinois. He asks to become a member of this Synod.

2d. Is a letter from Rev. C. J. Lindohl, asking Synod to excuse him for non-attendance on account of afflictions in his family.

3d. Is a letter signed by Rev. Charles Andersen, Rev. A. Weren and Rev. Peter Undeen, recommending Bro. N. G. Bergenskold, of Salt Marsh, Republic Co., Kas., as in every way a proper person to preach the gospel, and requests this Synod to grant him license.

4th. Is a letter from Rev. Charles Andersen, who was chosen

by the Northern Illinois Synod as a delegate to the Kansas Synod. He being unavoidably prevented from making his appearance in person, sends the greetings of that body by letter.

Your committee offer the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. J. Lindohl be received as a member of this Synod, and his name be placed on the clerical roll.

2d. *Resolved*, That we regret that Rev. Charles Andersen cannot be with us in person, and that we most heartily reciprocate the kindly feelings and expressions of the delegate of the Northern Illinois Synod.

A. J. Hesson,
Andrew Pierson,
G. W. Crotzer.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Henry Heigerd.

After prayer by Rev. H. B. Belmer, Synod proceeded to business.

That letter No. 1 is from Rev. F. R. Scherer in which he sends his parochial report and promises to send $3 to our Treasury soon, and requests to be excused for non-attendance at this session of the Synod, because he has a *road matter* to see after. The report has been handed to the Secretary, and hope the money will be soon sent to the Treasurer. We *sincerely regret* the absence of Bro. Scherer, and deem his excuse *very far* from sufficient.

Letter No. 2 is from Rev. V. G. Haag, from which we learn with pleasure that this brother is busily engaged in the Master's work, but complains of the want of money to pay for his church papers, a horse, and to meet his expenses to come to Synod. He asks to be excused for non-attendance.

Bro. Haag sends in the same paper his parochial report, which has been handed to the Secretary.

Your committee would ask,

1st. That the sympathies of Synod be extended to this brother in his monetary embarrassment. And,

2d. That Bro. Haag be *not excused* for non-attendance at Synod.

Letter No. 3 is from Bro. Haag containing a certificate of the appointment of Bro. Henry Hesse a delegate to this Synod. Bro. Hesse asks to be excused for non-attendance at Synod, and that Synod assist Bro. Haag to pay for a horse. Your committee, 1st, regret the non-attendance of Bro. Hesse. And, 2d, Synod has no funds at present to assist Bro. Haag to pay for a horse.

The letter of Bro. Haag also contains a request for aid in purchasing a horse, and says if aid is not furnished, Synod "shall consider his charge vacant."

Your committee recommend that the President of Synod would write to Bro. Haag, and express the sympathies of Synod in his embarrassment, and earnestly entreat him not "to

neglect the gift that is in him," but that he do the best he can for the Master's cause in his trying circumstances.

Letter No. 4 is from Rev. A. W. Wagenhals, in which he informs Synod that they have an organization of a Lutheran Church in Atchison, but have no regular services, and want none at present, and asks to be excused for non-attendance.

Your committee would offer the following:

1st. *Resolved*, That we rejoice to learn that an organization of a Lutheran Church is still maintained at Atchison, but *sincerely regret the apathy* of its members.

2d. *Resolved*, That we deem Bro. Wagenhals *inexcusable* for not attending this session of Synod, and hope that in *future he will be more punctual* in his attendance on Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
D. EARHART.
C. MARTIN,
LEVI SHIRAR.

Adopted.

On motion, a committee of one was appointed to look after the interests of the Lutheran Church at Atchison.

Rev. D. Earhart, Committee.

COMMITTEE NO. 8 REPORTED.

The papers placed in the hands of your committee, is a letter from a member of the Tipton charge, in which he states that they are anxious to have preaching, but are not able to support a pastor. They ask the advice and instruction of this Synod.

1st. *Resolved*, That they be recommended to correspond with Rev. G. W. Goodlin and the Mission Board, and the President of Synod, stating their case, and the amount they would be able to raise for the support of a pastor.

2d. *Resolved*, That until the Board makes provision for them, the members of Synod agree to supply them with preaching as often as their duties and distance from Tipton will allow.

W. H. STECK,
A. PIERSON,
PETER BROWN.

This report was adopted, and a copy of the same was ordered sent to the church council of the Tipton charge.

On motion, parochial reports were made the order of business for 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Treasurer's report was then read and referred to an auditing committee.

A. J. HESSON,
S. P. HARRINGTON,
G. W. CROTZER,
} *Committee.*

On motion, the roll of Synod was called, and enquiries made with regard to absentees, and their cases acted upon.

Rev. J. B. McAfee's excuse (offered by Bro. Hesson) for absence was heard. He was *not* excused.

Rev. E. J. Keplinger was heard, and, after some discussion, was excused. Rev. J. B. Corbett was not excused.

On motion, Rev. Harvey Jones, of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Liberty Prentice, of the M. E. Church, were introduced, and admitted to advisory seats in this body.

The *consideration* of *vacant churches* being in order, all organized churches unprovided for, which are vacant, were reported as making arrangements to secure pastors. Unorganized points where organizations should be made were taken up and their merits and interests earnestly discussed. Among the most important of these were, Emporia, White Rock, and Salina.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Hesson.

FOURTH SESSION—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. C. Martin.

The following notice was read as an amendment to be offered at the next meeting of Synod:

AMENDMENT TO CHAP. II., SEC. 3, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS SYNOD.

The Treasurer of Synod may be selected from among the lay members of the church.

Synod then entered into an election for the time and place for the next meeting. Revs. H. B. Belmer and W. H. Steck were appointed tellers. Monrovia, Atchison Co., Kas., was the place chosen, and the time, Wednesday evening, preceding the full moon, nearest the 1st day of October, 1872.

Rev. C. Martin was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this Synod after the close of *this* session.

THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS WERE THEN HEARD.

The roll of Synod was called, and the brethren responded in many interesting statements regarding their work in this great mission field in the west. For statistics see parochial table.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Hesson.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY, SEPT. 30:—9 A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. S. P. Harrington. Bro. J. H. Schell, of Kansas City, was added to the committee on Treasurer's report.

Bro. C. O. Turkeeson was excused from further attendance upon the session of the Synod.

The fraternal greetings of Rev. S. N. St. John were presented ted by Rev. S. P. Harrington, to this convention.

Rev. ——. Sympson of the M. E. Church, being present, was introduced and invited to an advisory seat in the Synod.

The Synod then entered into an election of delegates to sister synods. Revs. H. Higerd and A. Exline were appointed tellers.

Rev. C. Martin was elected delegate to the Synod of Nebraska; Rev. W. H. Steck to the Synod of Northern Illinois; Rev. D. Earhart to the Synod of Central Illinois; Rev. Wm. H. Steck to the Synod of Southern Illinois.

Rev. H. Heigerd and Bro. G. W. Crotzer were appointed tellers, and the Synod entered into an election for a Mission Board. Revs. W. H. Steck, D. Harbaugh and Bro. C. R. Coleman were duly elected.

COMMITTEE NO. 9 REPORT.

A letter has been placed in the hands of your committee from Rev. Levi Ricksecker, asking the Synod to excuse his non-attendance. Bro. Ricksecker also states that he has accepted an appointment from the "Moravian Church," to take charge of a Mission among the Indians, and asks to be dismissed to *unite* with the "Moravian Church."

Resolved, 1st, That he be excused for non-attendance.

Resolved, 2nd, That the Rev. L. Ricksecker be honorably dismissed from the Kansas Synod to unite with the "Moravian Church," and that the best wishes and prayers of the members of this Synod go with him, in his new and arduous field of labor.

A. J. HESSON,
H. B. BELMER,
C. J. SCHELKEN.

Adopted.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Hesson was instructed to procure 100 copies of the minutes of the last meeting of this Synod at Lawrence, with the constitution, which are now in the Record office at Topeka.

Resolved, That these minutes with the constitution be preserved by the Secretary, and that they be sold to persons wishing them for twenty-five cents each.

RESOLUTIONS ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The curse of intemperance and all its attendant evils seems to increase rather than diminish; therefore,

Resolved, That we reaffirm our sentiments, heretofore expressed on the subject of intemperance; and, that as a Synod, we still maintain the scriptural stand-point of Apostolic Abstinence: "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. Destroy not him with thy meat for whom Christ died."

REPORT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ABSENCE OF MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

WHEREAS, In the past a number of members have been absent from the conventions of our Synod without sending a satisfactory excuse; therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter any member who shall absent himself for two consecutive conventions of Synod, without sending a valid excuse in writing or by proxy, shall have his name erased from the clerical roll, and shall thereby forfeit all his rights and privileges as a member of this Synod.

W. H. STECK,
A. J. HESSON,
D. EARHART.

Adopted.

On motion, the foregoing report was ordered published in in the *Lutheran Observer*.

The following was offered by Rev. W. H. Steck:

WHEREAS, Some of the ministers of this Synod have given themselves wholly to secular pursuits, and manifest no desire to resume their pastoral work; and, Whereas, we believe that a call to preach the gospel may not be set aside except under the most urgent necessity; therefore,

Resolved, That such ministers be *earnestly* admonished not to neglect the gift that is in them, especially since in our great western field the harvest is so great and the laborers are so few.

Adopted, and ordered published in the church papers.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to return the thanks of the Synod to the members of the church and all other citizens, who have opened their doors and extended kindly hospitality to us; and to the Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their house of worship, during the sessions of this Synod.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary purchase a trunk in which to keep the books, papers, etc., of the Synod. Adopted.

[NOTE—The Secretary would take the liberty to say that Rev. E. J. Keplinger, of Grasshopper Falls, Kansas, kindly presented a trunk to the Synod.]

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT OFFERED THEIR REPORT.

Your committee on the Treasurer's books respectfully report, that, in general the accounts appear correct; but, for the want of correct vouchers it is difficult to make all the accounts strictly balance. The committee recommend that the Synod consider the accounts correct and balanced.

J. H. SCHELL,
A. J. HESSON,
S. P. HARRINGTON,
G. W. CROTZER.

Adopted. Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Steck.

SIXTH SESSION—3½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. A. Exline.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to have three hundred copies of the minutes of this Synod published.

Resolved, That the Scandinavian ministers of this Synod have permission to organize a Scandinavian Conference within the bounds of this Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M., to hold its missionary anniversary. Prayer by Rev. H. B. Belmer.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY—7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The meeting was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. A. J. Hesson, after which addresses were delivered by Revs. H. B. Belmer, W. H. Steck and A. J. Hesson.

The audience was then asked for a contribution, and $32.50 was contributed.

The meeting was then closed with singing and prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION—9 O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Steck.

On motion, the $32.50 collected at the missionary meeting was directed to be divided equally between and appropriated to the Home and Foreign Missionary Funds.

Resolved, That Abilene Mission be changed from the Northern to the Southern Conference District.

Synod then adjourned to meet at Monrovia, Atchison Co., Kansas, on Wednesday evening preceding the full moon, nearest the 1st day of October, 1872.

Prayer by the President, Rev. D. Harbaugh.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM

OF THE

Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

First Session, Thursday, Sept. 28th, 1871—5 o'clock P. M.

The Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. C. Martin.

COMMITTEE NO. 2 REPORTED.

The papers placed in our hands, are the license granted Bro. A. G. Nordengreen, at the last meeting of the Kansas Synod, and also a letter from the same. His letter contains a statement of his work for the past Synodical year in a very general way, and in his parochial report he has failed to observe the requirements of the Synod, in that it is not accompanied with a diary of his work, nor copies of his sermons. His time has been spent as a traveling missionary among the Scandinavians, and also the Germans. He has organized no congregations, and has no regular charge. He sends greetings to Synod, but does not ask for a renewal of his license. He gives no reason for his absence from Synod at the present time.

The committee would submit these facts to the Ministerium without their recommendation for any action.

Respectfully,

CHAS. MARTIN,

D. EARHART.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the license of A. G. Nodengreen be not renewed, and that all authority to preach the gospel and administer the ordinances of religion, granted by this Synod, be revoked, and that our commendation of said A. G. Nordengreen be withdrawn.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Hesson.

SECOND SESSION—SEP. 29, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

After prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Steck,

COMMITTEE NO. 10 REPORTED.

The papers in the hands of Committee No. 10, are,

1st. The diary of Licentiate Charles Hawkinson. His diary gives a record of his pastoral work during the past year, and shows that he has been diligently employed in his Master's work. He has preached twice every Sabbath, and attended to a great deal of pastoral labor.

2d. A letter from the church officers of the Randolph charge. It apologizes for the inability of the charge to send a delegate to the Synod this year. It speaks in highest terms of the labors and sacrifices of licentiate Hawkinson, whilst serving them. It appeals to Synod for aid in behalf of their pastor, and fears if he does not get aid, he will be compelled to engage in other pursuits.

The committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the license of candidate, Charles Hawkinson, be renewed for one year.

Resolved, That he be recommended to the Home Missionary Board for aid.

CHAS. MARTIN,
D. EARHART,
C. J. SHELKEN.

Adopted.

The Ministerium then adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Heigerd.

APPENDIX NO. 1—RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Opening sermon, Rev. A. J. Hesson, President, Wednesday evening, from 1 Cor., 16:2.

Rev. A. Exline Thursday evening, from Isa., 58:1.

Rev. C. Martin Friday evening, from Psalms, 78:37.

Rev. D. Earhart, Preparatory Service, Saturday afternoon, from Phil. 2:5.

Rev. Wm. Steck Sunday morning, communion service, Gen., 19:17.

Rev. H. B. Belmer Sunday evening, John, 8:32.

Pastoral Experience, Sunday at 3 P. M., Congregational Church.

Rev. A. J. Hesson Sunday morning.

Sunday School Concert. Addresses by Revs. D. Harbaugh and Wm. H. Steck.

I, S. P. Harrington, do hereby certify that the foregoing, to the best of my knowledge, is a correct report of the proceedings of the Synod of Kansas and adjacent States, which convened at Grasshopper Falls, Kansas, on the 27th day of September, and closed on the first day of October, A. D. 1871. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Synod, this 20th day of October, 1871.

S. P. HARRINGTON, Sec. of Synod.

PAROCHIAL TABLE.

MINISTERS' NAMES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Preaching Places.	ADMISSIONS. By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	By Baptism.	REMOVALS. By Death.	By Certificate.	By Excommunication	Communicants.	Infant Baptism.	Catechumens.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Lutheran.	Union.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Prayer Meetings.	BENEVOLENT FUNDS. Education.	Synod Fund.	H. Mission.	F. Mission.	Pastor Fund.	Local Objects.	Gen. Benevolence.	Publication Society.	Church Ex. Society.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Dr. C. Martin	2	....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	8	10	1	.....	4	20	...	.....	$6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	St. Joseph, Missouri.
Rev. E. Earhart	1	2	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	3	8	.....	1	5	24	1	.....	6.00	$5.00	.....	.....	$250.00	.....	.....	.....	Pardee, Kansas.
Rev. D. Harbaugh	1	1	.....	5	1	1	.....	1	40	3	12	1	.....	12	95	1	.....	4.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Waterville, "
Topeka Church	1	1	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	40	3	.....	1	.....	9	80	1	.....	5.30	10.00	.....	.....	298.00	$10.00	.....	$9.51	Topeka, "
Rev. W. H. sieck	1	1	3	1	1	.....	4	.....	40	3	.....	1	.....	9	80	1	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	108.00	60.00	.....	38.75	Kansas City, Missouri.
Grasshopper Falls Church	1	1	1	9	1	1	.....	1	51	5	.....	1	.....	10	100	.....	.....	3.00	.....	$7.70	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	G. H Falls, Kansas.
Rev. S. P. Harrington	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	2	15	125	1	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	920.00	.....	.....	.....	Abilene, "
Rev H. B Helmer	2	.....	7	3	5	.....	.....	.....	95	14	.....	1	1	16	160	.....	.....	4.40	.....	16.45	.....	1000.00	15.00	.....	16.00	Lawrence, "
Rev. C. J sheleen	1	5	.....	6	.....	1	.....	.....	50	16	2	1	.....	8	60	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....	Topeka, "
Rev. Charles Hawkinson	1	5	.....	.....	.....	8	7	.....	119	16	5	1	.....	1	25	3	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Randolph, "
Rev. F. R. Scherer	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Waterville, "
Monrovia Charge	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	1	8	68	...	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Monrovia, "
Rev. C. J. Lindahl	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brantford, "
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Bro. A. S. Nordengreen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salina, "
Rev. H. Helgerd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	25	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Effingham, "
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